

## News Release

# Junior Abbey Wemimo Conducts Research as an Intern at Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership

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Abbey Wemimo II, a junior majoring in business management and organizational psychology at the University of Minnesota Crookston, is motivated through many principles he learned from his mother and a passion for research. Wemimo is working this summer on an internship with the University in the Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (NWRSDP). An international student from Legos, Nigeria, Wemimo has been fascinated with the area of business since high school.

Selling candy bars for fundraising initiatives in Nigeria, business was engrained into Wemimo at an early age. He highlights his time at the U of M Crookston as a privilege and an opportunity to continue one of his many passions. During his experience thus far at UMC, Wemimo has been involved in many clubs and organizations such as the Crookston Student Association (CSA), Students' in Free Enterprise (SIFE), National Society of Leadership and Success, and the Lion's Club.

"I'm an ardent believer that servant leadership should be a strong core of a businessman", Wemimo says. Quoting a practice of leadership from Robert K. Greenleaf, Wemimo prioritizes his efforts to give back to the community and country back home.

Being an international student he still remembers difficulties in sourcing water, food, and even shelter; all the necessities that our society today often takes for granted. Recognizing an obligation to give back, Wemimo engages in his greatest core competency, research.

During his attendance at UMC, Wemimo has been granted opportunities that span far beyond his imagination. In collaborative research with the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) and Undergraduate Research Opportunities, Crookston (UROC), Wemimo has received two grants to conduct research projects regarding various topics of his choice. Following completion of the first research project, Wemimo was graciously selected as one of two students in the entire University of Minnesota system to travel to Edmonton, Canada, to present their projects for the country to see.

"UMC has offered me a lot and research is just one of them and the privileges to work on campus and conduct research has been beyond my imagination and just wonderful", Wemimo says.

Wemimo heard about an internship on campus through UMC e-mail highlighting the importance of research. Of course, without hesitating, Wemimo jumped on the opportunity and applied. Following a series of formal interviews, Wemimo was granted the internship and began work inside the NWRSDP office with fellow UMC students Tashi Gurung, Alex Buscher, and Kate Holmquist. While Wemimo's internship position is research focused, work efforts have included qualitative data comparisons and research papers highlighting residential communities, food availabilities, and energy consumption through data sets ranging from 1992 to 2010.

The University of Minnesota Crookston offers on-campus internships for students of all majors and minors. To learn more about the Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership and how sustainability is applied across the Northwest region visit our website.

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*In the photo: Business instructor Kenneth Johnson (left) joins Abbey Wemimo during the University of Minnesota Undergraduate Symposium held on April 18, 2012.*

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